

Exotic raw materials occasionally encountered on archaeological sites in the region include argillite and rhyolite, both with primary outcrops located to the north and west of the project area, respectively.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The nature of the School Bell Road Improvements project APE along an existing transportation and utilities corridor with modern disturbances to the stratigraphic profile, as well as the constricted areal size of the project APE, preclude the potential for pre-contact period archaeological resources in portions of it. However, based on the presence of numerous previously identified pre-contact period archaeological sites adjacent to or near the School Bell Road Improvements project APE, its upland topographic setting, and the presence of undisturbed or eroded well drained soils of appropriate age to contain archaeological resources in portions of the project APE, some Phase I archaeological survey investigations are recommended.

Based on the presence of several potentially significant historic structures adjacent to the project APE, the indications that this area has been inhabited by Euro-Americans since the seventeenth century, and the long association of the project APE as a transportation corridor, the School Bell Road Improvements project APE has a moderate probability to contain historic period archaeological resources. Due to the long-term rural nature of the project APE, and based on the numbers of different types of previously identified historic archaeological sites located near the project APE, if historic period archaeological sites are identified in the project APE, they will likely be related to Euro-American rural agricultural and/or domestic activities. However, given the constricted size and positioning of most of the project APE, it is unlikely that generalized historic artifact scatters or isolates will contribute significant information to the specific land-use history of the project APE.

4.0 PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGY SURVEY WORK PLAN

4.1 Introduction

The Phase I archaeology survey fieldwork is predicated on the combined results of the background research and the geomorphology reconnaissance discussed above, and